

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-58 are pending in the present application. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to add a colon after “comprising” and formatted to better distinguish the preamble from the body of these claims as suggested in the outstanding Action. Claims 20 and 44 have been amended to answer the criticism in the outstanding Action that the connection between the telecommunication network and the supplying apparatus was not clear. New Claim 55-58 have been added, where new independent Claim 55 corresponds to independent Claim 1 and new dependent Claim 56 corresponds to dependent Claim 2 without “means-plus-function” language to secure a different scope of coverage; new independent Claim 57 is similar to independent Claim 14 rewritten without “means-plus-function” language and with an added limitation in terms of what is supplied to the subscriber; and new dependent Claim 58 adds limitations as to the financial market data of independent Claim 57 being the financial exchange contracts as appear in Claim 15. Finally, the drawings and specification have also been amended to answer objections raised in the outstanding Action and to rewrite the abstract without reference numerals, figure numbers and claim language. Accordingly, it is believed to be clear that the amendments made to the claims, specification and drawings, as well as the addition of new claims, all have been done without the introduction of any new matter.

The outstanding Official Action presented objections to Figs. 9, 11-14, 15a, 15b, and 16-18, an objections to the specification and Claims 14 and 15, and a rejection of Claims 20-30 and 44-51 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112.

As an initial matter, it is noted that the IDS filed December 12, 2001, included a list of cited references on a modified PTO 1449. A copy of that IDS, the modified PTO 1449, the included International Search Report, and the date-stamped filing receipt acknowledging the

filing of these papers are enclosed herewith. In view of these filed IDS papers, a properly signed and initialed copy of the modified PTO 1449 is respectfully requested that indicates consideration of these cited references.

Turning to the objection made as to Fig. 9, it is noted that Fig. 9 does not show “partial views” as incorrectly noted at page 2 of the outstanding Action. In this regard, page 21, lines 17- 19 of the specification clearly state that “[e]ach exchange ID EX1, EX2, EXn stored in the data base 10 is associated with a ternary tree structure T1, T2 ... Tn as shown in Figure 9.” To clarify that Fig. 9 illustrates what is stored in data base 10, and not “partial views,” a data base 10 indicating rectangle has been added to Fig. 9 to surround the elements EX1, EX2, EXn and T1, T2, Tn. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to Fig. 9 should be withdrawn.

With regard to the objection to Figs. 11-14, 15a, 15b, and 16-18, the “start” and “end” textual labels for each of these flow charts has been added in response to the objection. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to Figs. 11-14, 15a, 15b, and 16-18 should be withdrawn.

The objection to Claims 14 and 15 is believed to have been overcome by the present amendment to those claims that has added a colon after “comprising” to better distinguish the preamble from the body of these claims as suggested in the outstanding Action and that has further reformatted these claims to even further better distinguish the preamble from the body of these claims. Accordingly, it is believed that this objection should also be withdrawn.

Turning to the rejection of Claims 20-30 and 44-51 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, it is noted that page 6 of the outstanding Action indicates that this rejection is based upon the lack of a clear recital of a connection between the telecommunication network and the supplying apparatus by either base independent Claim 20 or base independent Claim 44. As base independent Claims 20 and 44 have been amended to recite a clear connection

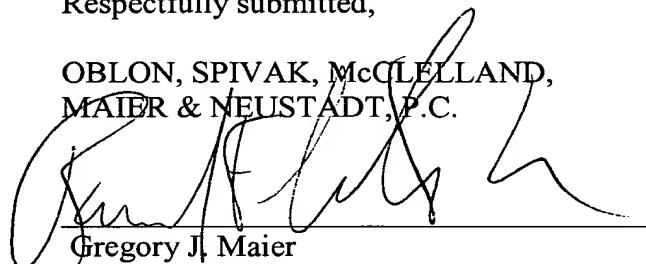
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between the information supplying apparatus and the telecommunications network, it is believed that this rejection should be withdrawn.

As no other issues are believed to remain outstanding relative to this application, it is believed to be clear that this application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to this effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 9, 11-14, 15a, 15b, and 16-18. These sheets, which includes Figs. 9, 11-14, 15a, 15b, and 16-18, replace the original sheets including Figs. 9, 11-14, 15a, 15b, and 16-18.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets